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The Republic of the Marshall Islands proposes that the following be included in the report of Main Committee III and the Final Document of the Review Conference.

Noting that people and environments have been adversely affected by the testing of nuclear weapons within the boundaries of a United Nations Trust Territory, the Conference calls upon all Governments and international organizations that have expertise in the field of clean-up and disposal of radioactive contaminants, as well as health-care delivery for populations exposed to radiation, to give appropriate assistance, as may be requested, for radiological assessment and remedial purposes in affected areas, while noting the efforts that have been made to date in this regard.

Furthermore, responsible Governments must take the necessary steps to provide adequate health care, clean-up, radiation protection for the public, and compensation, in view of changed circumstances, to affected and displaced human populations as well as the needed restoration of economic productivity of areas that were subject to nuclear testing.

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